

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2063 - HB 1942

February 28, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes any municipal board of education that implements a transition plan, as authorized by private act, but currently has an election cycle in June, to bring the election of school board members into compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-201(a)(1) by adopting a plan to elect board members in the August general election by extending the terms of the current school board members. Such plans must be authorized by a private act of the General Assembly and be approved by the municipal legislative body. The plans must be adopted and implemented prior to January 1, 2015.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Municipalities who choose to change their election cycle to August as a result of this bill will recognize a one-time permissive decrease in local expenditures of at least \$12,000 occurring in the fiscal year any such change is made. Any net increase in local expenditures as a result of adding more items to the ballot for the August elections is estimated to be not significant.

Assumptions:

- Any increase in state expenditures for the General Assembly to approve a municipal change in election cycle is estimated to be not significant.
- The number of municipalities that will change their election cycle is unknown.
- According to the Secretary of State (SOS), a small municipality that has an election in June may save between \$12,000 and \$15,000 by moving the election to August.
- The extent of any decrease in local expenditures for municipalities who choose to change their election cycle is unknown. However, and based on the information provided by the SOS, it is reasonably estimated that each applicable municipality will recognize a one-time permissive decrease in local expenditures of at least \$12,000 in the fiscal year they synchronize their school board election with the regular August election.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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